

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Walder (reg. no. 41,534) on 10/23/08.

#### The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 1:** A computer implemented method of transforming an application, said method comprising:

assessing readiness for transformation, based on a plurality of desirable application attributes, wherein said assessing readiness for transformation further comprises:

choosing one of said desirable application attributes; and

determining a state of readiness for the chosen desirable application attribute;

wherein said state of readiness may take on a value of ready; almost ready; or not ready;

mapping at least some of said desirable application attributes to at least some kinds of help;

generating a proposal for transformation, based on results of said assessing and said mapping;

outputting said proposal;

performing a transformation, based on said proposal; and

deploying an on-demand service, based on said transformation.

**Claim 5:** (canceled)

**Claim 6, line 1:** Replace "6" with "1".

**Claim 12:** A computer implemented method of transforming an application, said method comprising:

providing a set of desirable application attributes;

providing descriptions of said desirable application attributes;

providing assessment questions associated with said desirable application attributes;

providing an iterative process including a-d below:

a-(a) choosing a desirable application attribute from said set;

b-(b) concerning said desirable application attribute, assessing readiness for transformation;

e-(c)concerning said desirable application attribute, planning development work;

~~d~~(d) repeating the above three steps for a plurality of desirable application  
is-attributes chosen from said set;  
executing said iterative process;  
generating a proposal for transformation, based on results of said iterative  
process;  
outputting said proposal;  
performing a transformation, based on said proposal; and  
deploying an on-demand service, based on said transformation.

**Claim 16:** (canceled)

**Claim 17, line 1:** Replace "16" with "12".

**Claim 18, line 1:** Replace "16" with "12".

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: **Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as -- Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated.**

Specifically, Fig. 1 shows a prior art computer system. While the applicants have indicated "[t]he invention may be implemented on" such a computer system, the drawing does not indicate any of the inventive concepts (e.g. as show in the other drawings). In other words, Fig. 1 only shows that a known a computer system and does

not indicate that computer is configured to perform the disclosed method or provide the functionality of the disclosed system.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

**The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:**

The closest prior art (2005/0044197 to Lai) discloses:

transforming an application by: mapping at least some of a set of desirable application attributes to at least some kinds of help (see e.g. par. [1531]); and generating a proposal for transformation, based on results of said assessing and said mapping (see e.g. par. [1531]).

However, the closest prior art alone or in combination does not teach or suggest:

assessing readiness for transformation, based on a plurality of desirable application attributes, wherein said assessing readiness for transformation further comprises: choosing one of said desirable application attributes; and determining a state of readiness for the chosen desirable application attribute.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Mitchell whose telephone number is (571) 272-

3728. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bullock Lewis can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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